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SUBJECT: MALI PRESIDENT VISITS KUWAIT

1. PRESIDENT TRAORE DEPARTED KUWAIT APRIL 29 FOLLOWING APPARENTLY SUCCESSFUL THREE DAY VISIT HERE. BECAUSE GOK STILL IN MOURNING FOLLOWING DEATH OF KING FAISAL PUBLIC CHARACTER OF HIS VISIT WAS SUBDUED, BUT PRESIDENT TRAORE WAS RECEIVED BY ALL IMPORTANT KUWAITI OFFICIALS. WITHIN CONSTRAINTS OF MOURNING PROTOCOL, HE WAS GIVEN RED CARPET TREATMENT.

2. ACCORDING TO FINAL COMMUNIQUE KUWAIT FUND DELEGATION WILL VISIT BAMAKO NEXT JUNE, AND COMMUNIQUE SAID FUND INTERESTED IN AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS IN MALI. IN ADDITION BOTH SIDES AGREE TO ESTABLISH A MALI-KUWAIT BANK IN BAMAKO.

3. ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES COMMUNIQUE CONTAINED BOILERPLATE STATEMENTS SUPPORTING PALESTINIAN STRUGGLE, AND CONDEMNING RACIST POLICY OF SUPPRESSION PRACTICED BY RHODESIA AND SOUTH UNCLASSIFIED

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AFRICA. COMMUNIQUE EXPRESSED SUPPORT OF BOTH COUNTRIES TO

DEMANDS BY LDCS FOR REALIZING POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC
INDEPENDENCE AND TO EXERCISE SUPREMACY OF (THEIR) RAW MATERIALS.

4. COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT KUWAIT FUND WILL GIVE SERIOUS
CONSIDERATION TO PROVIDING PROJECT LOAN IN MALI, HOWEVER,
PROBABLY SEVERAL MONTHS WILL PASS BEFORE A SUITABLE PROJECT
WILL BE IDENTIFIED AND A LOAN AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED. MALI-
KUWAIT BANK CAN BE EXPECTED TO SERVE AS VEHICLE FOR CHANNELING
KUWAITI INVESTMENTS INTO MALI. KUWAIT HAS ESTABLISHED LOCAL
SUBSIDIARIES IN SEVERAL OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES. ACCORDING TO
SOME LOCAL PEOPLE IN INVESTMENT COMMUNITY THE REAL PROBLEM
WILL BE TO FIND SUITABLE INVESTMENTS. THERE IS SOME INTEREST
IN AGRICULTURAL POTENTIAL, BUT APPARENTLY EXTENSIVE IRRIGATION
IS REQUIRED. NEVERTHELESS, TRAORE VISIT HAS RESULTED IN
OFFICIAL AND PUBLIC COMMITMENT BY GOK TO ASSIST MALI ECONOMY.
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